

Paterson, New Jersey. The strikes had gotten out of hand and the troop patrolled for ten days, walking the streets during the evening to ensure law and order. During World War I, the troop was called into duty to serve our nation. They have also had the responsibility for guarding the Mexican border.

The troop served as the personal escort for President William McKinley's Vice President, Garret A. Hobart of Paterson, New Jersey. They were also charged with transferring President Ulysses Grant's tomb to New York City. The troop served as the honor guard and escort for Presidents Theodore Roosevelt, William Taft, and Woodrow Wilson. At the inauguration ceremony for each Governor of New Jersey, the Essex Troop serves as part of the honor guard.

Mr. Speaker please join me in honoring the Essex Troop and its members for their one hundred and twenty-five years of service and dedication to the State of New Jersey and the United States of America.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 25, 2015*

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I missed recorded votes on H.R. 1190 (Roll Call #376), H.R. 805 (Roll Call #377), and H.R. 2576 (Roll Call #378) on June 23, 2015 due to inclement weather.

If I had been present, I would have voted NAY on H.R. 1190, and YEA on H.R. 805 and H.R. 2576.

#### THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIGNING OF THE U.N. CHARTER

### HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 25, 2015*

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join in celebrating the 70th anniversary of the signing of the United Nations Charter and the establishment of one of the world's greatest organizations for peace and the advancement of humanity.

As the representative from San Francisco, this anniversary holds a particular pride for the people of my city and for me—for it was San Francisco that played host to the grand conference of delegates that wrote the U.N. Charter; and it was in the San Francisco War Memorial and Performing Arts Center, on June 26, 1945, that the Charter was signed.

On that day, President Harry S Truman came to the Plenary to offer his congratulations and his hopes for the future of the new United Nations: "You have created a great instrument for peace and security and human progress in the world," President Truman said. "The world must now use it."

Seven decades later, 193 member states have ratified the Charter. The world's greatest leaders and thinkers have been among the United Nations representatives. In 1946, United Nations General Assembly Delegate and Former First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt helped draft the Universal Declaration of

Human Rights, which builds on President Franklin D. Roosevelt's commitment to "freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom from fear, and freedom from want" for all people.

The United Nations has worked to end disease, hunger and poverty. It has sought to advance human rights, human dignity, and the opportunities of women and girls. It has focused the world's attention on the urgency of the climate crisis and the plight of refugees. It has stood against violence, terrorism and weapons of mass destruction. It has been a great bulwark for global peace.

The U.N. continues to confront the challenges of the 21st century by striving to not only meet the Millennium Development Goals but to expand them with the Sustainable Development Goals to be finalized this fall. It is my firm hope that the United States will be a strong and active participant in the effort to realize the Sustainable Development Goals to achieve progress for all the peoples of the United Nations.

In striving to fulfill the ideals and promise of its charter, the United Nations, related agencies, programs and staff have been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize eleven times.

In 1950, Ralph Bunche, an American, became the first person affiliated with the new organization to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. In his acceptance speech, he remarked, "I am but one of many cogs in the United Nations, the greatest peace organization ever dedicated to the salvation of mankind's future on earth."

This weekend, the city of San Francisco will once again welcome the U.N.'s highly respected Secretary-General, Ban Ki-moon, and other representatives of the United Nations. Our mayor Ed Lee and the people of San Francisco are thrilled and proud to once more play host to another milestone of U.N. history in our beautiful city.

Under the vital leadership of Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, the United Nations remains a strong, resolute, unwavering voice for peace in a world burdened by war. May it continue to stand as a beacon of peace for the next 70 years and beyond.

H.R. 160

### HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 25, 2015*

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I voted against H.R. 160, not because I believe that the current tax on the device industry is perfect, but because I object to the Majority's fixation on passing permanent tax repeals without offsets.

As the representative from a part of our country that is known around the world for its research and innovation, I fully understand the importance of the device industry to the health and wellness of Americans, economic development, and our global competitiveness. Medical devices have the potential to save and improve the lives of Americans, and the companies that produce them are helping our economy recover by investing in new technology and providing high-paying, high-skilled jobs here in the United States.

Like other industries, device companies understand that the skyrocketing cost of health

care represents one of the greatest threats to families, small business owners, state and federal budgets, and the overall economy. In part, Congress enacted the Affordable Care Act to help reverse this trend, and AdvaMed, the trade association representing medical device manufacturers, has supported policies to expand access to their life-saving products.

The final law brought the original \$40 billion levy on device manufacturers down to a \$20 billion contribution through a 2.3%, rather than 4.6%, excise tax on medical devices. However, as the ten-year budget window has shifted, industry leaders report that they expect to pay more than originally predicted. We need to monitor this situation carefully and find a fair solution that accounts for the additional business the device industry may acquire as a result of the Affordable Care Act, while underscoring the need to keep the industry vibrant and innovative.

Unfortunately, that is not the discussion we are having today. House Republicans are bringing to the Floor a bill that would, yet again, provide for a permanent tax cut without an offset. When this bill is added to the other permanent tax cut bills brought to the Floor this year alone, they add up to more than \$610 billion in tax cuts without even a penny of an offset.

The point is not that tax reductions or expenditures without offsets are never justified. Rather, they need to be part of a coherent, comprehensive budget strategy.

This is not a debate about innovation and economic development as the Majority would like you to believe. This debate is about fiscal responsibility; it is about taking one tax provision and making it permanent without paying for it, without regard to implications for the rest of the budget.

At a time when the House is bringing its appropriations bills to the House Floor, it is clear that reckless tax cuts like these have decimated our nation's ability to make the key investments a great country must make. Earlier this month, the House considered the 2016 Transportation-Housing and Urban Development appropriations bill. As the Ranking Member of the Subcommittee charged with drafting the bill, I can tell you that it, like the other appropriations bills this body will consider, woefully underinvests in our nation due to the Majority's wrong-headed refusal to adopt a comprehensive approach to balance our budget.

Should the House Republicans choose to debate and refine the Affordable Care Act's medical device excise tax, I stand ready to work with them. Until then, I will have to continue my record of voting against the unpaid-for tax cuts the Republican Majority is bringing to the Floor in the 114th Congress.

#### RED FOXES COMMUNITY COLLEGE INNOVATION CHALLENGE

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 25, 2015*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Red Foxes from Red Rocks Community College on placing first in the National Science Foundation's Community College Innovation Challenge. This program serves as an innovative